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For: EFFICIENT ONLINE AUCTION-STYLE LISTINGS THAT ENCOURAGE OUT-OF-CHANNEL NEGOTIATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of December 17, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it (for which petition is hereby made for any necessary extension of time), applicants elect the subject matter of Group III, that is claims 19-28, 33, 34 and 36-38 directed to a method of providing online listings.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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